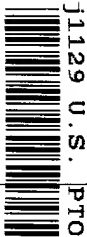




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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above continuation-in-part patent application.

1. Continuation-in-Part Application- 39 pages, including 10 independent claims and 70 claims total.
2. Formal Drawings- 12 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-10).
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
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